



Not an Air Force wife came forth in self-defense when I complained about the manner of undress used in seeing husbands off on dangerous missions. However, a young aviation cadet, in a letter more idealistic, than realistic, took exception to my remarks.

Says he heroically, "I feel it my duty as a citizen and active member of the U. S. Air Force to take exception that Air Force housewives are the most sloppily dressed women in the country. I doubt the sanity of the article."

I did not say all wives. Many are beautifully groomed, exquisitely turned out. That's what makes the sloppier ones so much sloppier, in comparison.

"Air Force wives are working wives, unpampered women as much engaged in the service of this country as their husbands. Not only is she expected to raise

## A Cadet Defends Air Force Wives

children, keep house and do the various chores, but she must smile sweetly when her husband is awakened at 4 o'clock in the morning for an alert."

Doctors' wives have been doing this for generations. So have the wives of policemen, firemen, telephone linemen, etc.

"She must wait long hours while her husband is working overtime trying to fix a bomber that must fly a mission."

Practically every husband in any business works overtime at some time or other.

"An Air Force wife must be prepared to say good-bye to friends and neighbors when her husband suddenly gets orders that may send him halfway around the world."

Any government employe, state or military, and bankers, theatrical personalities, airline personnel and dozens of others are faced with the same moves.

"Did it ever occur to Count Marco that perhaps the women were wearing their working

clothes in a place of active labor?"

If babushkas, curlers in the hair, shorts, slacks, jeans and bare feet are working clothes, the only active labor for which they would be required that I can think of is haunting a house.

"An Air Force wife can't be expected to dress up like a model just to run to the commissary to buy a dozen eggs."

True, but a dress would make her look more as if she's buying the eggs than laying them.

"Instead of looking down on Air Force women, perhaps Count Marco should look up to where those bombers that guard us all streak toward the horizon to preserve our precious freedoms."

Well, you do have a point here. If I keep my eyes "up there" I can avoid those sights "down here"—and what sights!

But please, young man, don't let me discourage you. I only hope many Air Force wives will take heart and try to live up to the glory you see in them.

## 190th Street Closed for Sewer Work

roll, show tunes, and bouncing Figueroa Street to Vermont Avenue was announced yesterday by the Department of Public Works. The street will be blocked to through traffic for the next 30 days.

Reason for the closing is sewer construction in the area. During the period, no left turns will be permitted from the southbound off-ramp of the Harbor Freeway.

The northbound on-ramp will be closed for about one week.

## Planning Group OKs Subdivisions

Two subdivisions in the Palos Verdes Peninsula were approved yesterday by the Regional Planning Commission.

Palos Verdes Properties will build 99 homes on a 40-acre tract at Hawthorne Boulevard and Crest Road, while Grandview Building Co. will construct 457 homes on a 165-acre parcel at Crenshaw Boulevard and Silver Spur Road.

In other action, the commission approved a change of zone to allow for the construction of a brake and motor tune-up shop at 22811 S. Figueroa St. The petition was filed by Alfred Bennett.

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## Deadline Set for Trip Registration

Registration for the teen-ager Catalina trip sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department will close Tuesday at 5 p.m. Those interested in making reservations should contact the Recreation Department, 3031 Torrance Blvd.

## Dixon Honored by Local Moose Home

Douglas Dixon, junior past governor of the Torrance Moose Lodge, received the "Governor's Award of Merit" at a meeting of the South Central District Friday, Aug. 3. The award was presented by Ray Hoffman, president of the district.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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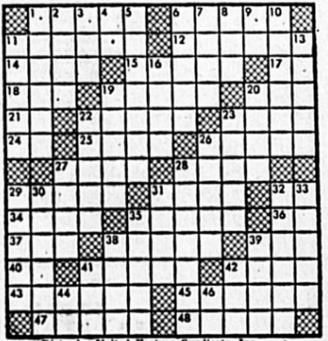
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- 11-Confractions
- 12-Card game
- 13-Near
- 14-Bodies of water
- 15-To walk in water
- 16-Pronoun
- 17-Poems
- 18-Reverse
- 19-Pedal diets
- 20-European
- 21-Twirl
- 22-Nerve network
- 23-Symbol for marmarium
- 24-Padlock
- 25-Sheaf folds
- 26-Note of scale
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- 28-Carried
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- 30-Sun god
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- 32-Toward the shelter
- 33-Traps
- 34-Singing voice
- 35-To hear
- 36-Thin, narrow boards

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- 7-Drugs
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- 38-Military assistants
- 39-Thicket
- 40-Row
- 41-In favor of
- 42-Collection of facts
- 43-Near
- 44-Row
- 45-Spanish for "the"



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